100,000 PACKAGES STOLEN FROM PARCEL POST IN YEAR BY SYSTEMATIC ROBBERY

New York's Chief Inspector Admits Wholesale and Growing Thefts.

MERCHANTS IN A PANIC.

Insurance Man Protest-Or ganized Thieves Baffle Detection.

Nearly 100,000 packages have been lost in the parcel post in the last year, according to figures given out by the Chief Inspector at the New York Post Office, Reports from other sources indicate that these figures would be largely increased if all the osses were known at the New York

able," said the head of one of this most reputable mercantile "It began to be very bad about a year ago, and has been growing worse from month to month ever There are certain kinds of ill through the parcel post. Furs. for instance, seldom reach their destination. It has become so probable that they will be lost in transit that the insurance companies have recently detined to insure their safe delivery. Women's suits, aillus, gentlemen's furnishings and some other lines of merhandise are almost as bad risks.

'However," he continued, "it is scant satisfaction to a merchant that scant satisfaction to a merchant that the insurance companies pay for goods so lost in transit. They cannot make good for the loss of trade that results from the failure of the postal service. For example, we get an order from out of town. We ship it promptly by particle post which, until a year ago, had "The losses of parcel post packages." said the Chief Inspector, "are running said the Chief Inspector, "are running said the Chief Inspector, "are running said the Chief Inspector," are running said the Chief Inspector, "are running said the Chief Inspector," are running said the chief Inspector, "are running said the chief Inspector," are running said the chief Inspector, "are running said the chief Inspector," are running said the chief Inspector, "are running said the chief Inspector," are running said the chief Inspector, are running said the chief Inspector, are running said the chief Inspector of the companies should go on suffering these heavy to said so on suffering these heavy to said so on suffering these heavy to said the chief Inspector of the companies should go on suffering these heavy to said the chief Inspector of the companies should go on suffering these heavy to said the chief Inspector of the companies should go on suffering these heavy to said the chief Inspector of th "The losses of parcel post packages," said the Chief Inspector, "are running at an average of about \$8.000 a month, which is a very great increase over the losses of a year ago. The chief reason for thus increase is that the percentage of cases, the goods fail to reach the customer. Naturally he is disappointed. Often he lays the blame on us, and after a few such experiments, and after a few such experiments which is a very large of about \$8.000 a month, which is a very great increase over the losses of a year ago. The chief reason for thus increase is that the disappointed. Often he lays the blame on us, and after a few such experiments on us, and after a few such experiments on us, and after a few such experiments on us, and after a few such experiments. Often he lays the blame on us, and after a few such experiments of the chief of such that in order to keep the service going of the sailors were said to have decided to attempt to force the Guards to return to Potsdam. The latter were stationed in Unter-ren-Linden and on the band of the Taid and the time from its tor the base of the losses of about \$8.000 a month, and a long conference with the ministers, the result of which was unlisters, the result of which was unlisters. The losses of packages, in at an average of about \$8.000 a month, which is a very great increase over the losses of a year ago. The chief reason for thus increase is that the losses of about \$8.000 a month, which is a tan average of about \$8.000 a month, which is a tan average of about \$8.000 a month, which is a tan average of about \$8.000 a month, which is a tan average of about \$8.000 a month, which is a tan average of about \$8.000 a month, which is a tan average o ences loses confidence in us and places his orders elsewhere. That is the part ing without them.

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MERCHANTS AFRAID TO COM-PLAIN; FEAR PUBLICITY. "Have you taken the matter up

with the Post Office Department?" he was asked.

"No. We are afraid that it might make matters worse," he answered.
If it became generally known that
this house was losing a large proportion of the packages it sends out cusomers might be afraid to order from us. So long as we can collect insur-ance on our losses we are inclined to make the best of a bad situation, in

nost business is with merchants. We assue policies only to perfectly re-putable and responsible houses. For own protection we look very care-ly into the moral as well as finan-Government, you know, insures parcel post packages only up to the
value of \$100. Our policy holders generally ship parcels far exceeding that
amount in value. Besides, large houses
which ship many packages nearly
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every day cannot afford to take the
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the gentlement into which the Government was forced Tuesday. They declare that their representatives in the
Government were not away that Elbert
had called on the troops in Potsdam
under Lieut Gen. Lequis to oppose
thing. Postmarter

"Does the Government issue re-cepts for these packages." "No; it receipts only for Government insured parcels,"
"How does the number of losses in the last eleven months compare with that of other years?"

PNEUMONIA KILLS SOLDIER.

Compared that at no time and was a victory for the radical elements and those opposing the calling of the National Assembly.

ROYAL PALACE LOOTED OF

INSURANCE MAN SAYS PARCEL Cornell University Graduate Dies POST HAS "BROKEN DOWN."

"There is no comparison," the in-mrance man answered. "Prior to this

Pear on such a package."

"No," said the mangance man.
"One policies provide that nothing with would fend to describe notating of the nature of the contents."

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Army to Sell 45,000 Mules and the said to the said to

age if would be almost equivalent to saying in plain words: This package is worth stealing."

lieve that our proportion of losses to such greater than that of the Government-insured parcels. Naturally it would be, since the Government in-sures for only \$160, while with us a single package may carry thousands of dollars of insurance. If there is an rganized ban, of thieves perpetrating ese robberies, as I firmly believe ere is, it probably is smart enough

stolen practically none has ever beds found. That would indicate that the mods safely. Other things, which cannot mention now, lead to the belief that there is an organization of threves and fences with members among truckmen. Post Office handlers and railway postal cierks at most of the points where valuable goods can be xtracted from the mails. Also, goods shipped to certain cities show a greater percentage of losses than the sallors, but those sent to other places. Philadel- messages said. thig sailors, but were repulsed, these phia is the worst, and Newark, N. J.,

LOSSES FOR FIRST TIME.

Postmaster Patton bearing this story from The Evening World reprement. "This is the first I have heard of this extent of losses." he said, "and I surely would have heard of it if the information had reached the department only at the royal stables, but in the at Washington. It seems strange to Koenigsstrasse. This street, with all me that merchants and insurance its houses, was reported in the hands

resign and he replaced by George Ledebour and Dr. Karl Liebknecht.

"Most of the thievery is done by these new men. We are eatching a great many of them, but we seldom get anything on one of the older men men and convicted them all. One of them had been in the service less than three hours when we nabbed him with a suitcase full of stolen parcels. Another had been at work only half a day.

"It seems to me that the sentences imposed by many of the courts are wholly inadequate. Thirty or sixty days in iall merely gives such a thief a chance to rest up for future operations; and that is the extent of pun lishment many of those whom we catch red handed receive."

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To show that not all lost parcels are balcony, from which former Emperor tolen, however, the Chief Inspector The manager of the parcel post is large room where a staff of expert department of an insurance company department of an insurance companies of the largest volumes of the parcel post in transit by the parcel post in the country and the declared: "I know no department dep

mous sum of money."

You insure deliveries mostly for "Phis," said the Inspector, "accounts for many of the losses, but ment was no longer intact as the result of the party merchants. We year a great many more have been stolen. We hope for a much better condition of things when the old Post Office men are released from milipredicament into which the Government and we get large numbers.

lowed their example.

IN EBERT'S PLACE.

When these reports were sent a

"Do you know whether a greater proportion of parcels insured by you than of those insured by the Govern-ment are lost?" he was asked. "My investigations lead me to be-

take this fact into consideration. "What makes you think it is or-anized robbery?"
"Well, of the thousands of packages SAILORS' REVOLT IN BERLIN

goods that we do not dure to send at POSTMASTER HEARS OF HEAVY

the Werderschen Piatz,

every day cannot afford to take the covery day c

BERLIN, Tuesday, Dec. 24. (Asso in Hospital in France. with the reasonably expected from the breaking of packages, the erasting of addresses and other natural causes. But in the last eleven months the particle of addresses and other natural causes. But in the last eleven months the particle of the particle o Lieut Arthur F. C. Toussaint, twen, clatted Press.)-Herr Wels, the Mili-

cases the Government deminds names and special information which our instances are the set clair customers health to give test chair customers the shapers are the special victorians of the thieves. For it is true that certain homes, as well as certain the sound and sent to the British in 1917, with the British in 1917, with the Americans at Camigny, at Verdun in March, 1928, at Solsans in July and at Verdun gain on September.

"Does the name of the shipper appears on such a particular shipper appears on the sailors and other victors of Monday's figure of German was figure of Socialist budgets with the first 50,000 Americans to go to France. He sailed in action Cet. 25, was one of the mander, however, was not spaired in mander, h

TREASURES BY MUTINEERS.

suit of the happenings of Tuesday.

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U. S. COLORS GLOW SPREADS TO ARMY; 100 SLAIN ON TREE FOR BOYS OF ARMY ON RHINE

surrendered. Looting has been in progress the palace since yesterday and by A large number of the soldiers has early this morning many private post Germans Enjoy Americans onging to the Berlin Guard joined sessions of the former Emperor and the sailors, Vorwacrts reports, and a former Empress had been carried

few of the Republican Guards fol- away or destroyed. SAILORS DEMAND LIEBKNECHT o'clock the afternoon that the marines were expecting heavy rein-

continuing to join the sations, not only at the royal stables, but in the BERLIN CELEBRATES "ERSATZ" CHRISTMAS of the sailors, who are supported by WITH LITTLE GAYETY the Spartacans. They demand that Premier Evert and Secretary House

No Big Dinners and No Presents, Dr. Liebknecht, the advices add. but People Are Not went to the Chancellor's palace and

We are practically operat. stationed in Unter-ren-Linden and on by a wan, thin girl the correspondent Field Artiflery gave a concert. Gersaw in Unter den Linden.

William once made his speech, in

ine well and are fat and bright.

well-dressed persons staring at equili-1

Sailors Demanded Right to Organize Guard and More Pay.

BERLIN, Wednesday, Dec. 25 thorized to organize a sallors' guard t is informed. The suggestion was coupled with a demand for greatly in-reused wages and back pay to Nov. t. The government, the paper olds,

With Danzig.

dg has been interrupted since Tues- place.

Fredwell, Arrested by Bolsheviki,

WHERE REBELS ARE BATTLING IN BERLIN AND RADICAL LEADERS THEY SUPPORT

Christmas Eve Celebration: Forget Grief Over Defeat.

nurses. It was placed in position b members of the 37th Engineers. Hed. white and blue incandescent lights povered the tree from its top to its BERLIN, Wednesday, Dec. 25 - tree, in letters three test high, was Carillo Here From Bordeaux-

contrast to the civilians. They are living well and are fat and bright.

Crowds in theatres, opera houses and

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tive Lever of South Carolina, Chair
traffes and the resolution requesting the American
delegation to the Peace Conference to
do all in their power to obtain selfdetermination of government for Ire- man of the House Agricultural Comcafes endeavored to put some spirit determination of government for the intermediate and a familiar resolution has been mittee made the following recommendations but the joy was not introduced in the House and a familiar dations: spontaneous I noticed madreds of her of nearness have been held on its First, extension by Congress because the control of the control o ber of hearings have been described by the date for the gradient Wilson's statement regarding removed purchase of the 1919 of the self-determination of government second, continuance of the Food the self-determination of government second, continuance of the Food for small nations.

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questioned declared an intention to among the American aces, who inrecipited his college career to enter the Army, probably will resume his studies in the Junior year. Not one of a score of aviators interviewed

1. S. Medal for Gen. Payalle. French Army recently received the

Uncertain Distinguished Service Medal II was given him by Col Hentley Mott, who went to Kalserhauen as Gen, Persing's representative A short slout woman of about sixty was found (ying on the sidewalk in front of No. 1) East 5810 Street fate bad minit be a woman interval a Motor Corps of America ambulance and taken to Flower Hospital, where she was producered dend.

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